

Ashland Police Department
Boone County Sheriff's Dept
Joint Media Release

Incident: Cooperative Investigation, School Threat/Death Investigation

Date/time: September 9, 2013 approximately 10:30 pm.

Location: Ashland, Missouri and Bob Veach Road

Case numbers: Multiple

On September 9, 2013 at approximately 10:30 p.m., Ashland Police received a report of a threat against Southern Boone County High School in Ashland. The threat originated in the form of a text message. Subsequent investigation by Ashland Police and Boone County Deputies deemed the threat to be credible. Southern Boone County School District authorities were also advised of this threat.

Multiple resources to include Ashland Police, Boone County Sheriff's Department, MU Police Department, Capital Police, Mid-Missouri Bomb Squad, and the ATF were mobilized and a search of school facilities commenced. Southern Boone County School District officials canceled classes for today as a precaution while searches were being conducted and the investigation continued. This was an extensive search to include the use of explosives detecting K9s. No devices of a threatening nature were discovered and the school facilities have been released.

Law enforcement officers of the Ashland Police and Boone County Sheriff's Department responded to the residence of a 17 year old Ashland High School student believed to be the originator of the threatening text. While taking the subject into custody, he obtained a handgun and turned it on himself, discharging the firearm into his chest. Fire and EMS were immediately summoned and officers began efforts to treat the downed subject. He was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injury and died. Authorities are not releasing the name of the decedent as the investigation is ongoing.

Classes will resume tomorrow at Southern Boone County Schools, September 11, 2013 and grief counselors will be available to students and staff.

A joint agency press conference with the Ashland Police, Boone County Sheriff's Department and Southern Boone County School Superintendent will be held at 12:30 pm today at the Boone County Sheriff's Department.

Release date/time: September 10, 2013 at 11:15 a.m.

Release authorized by: Chief Lyn Woolford, Ashland Police Chief
Superintendent Chris Felmlee
Major Tom Reddin